

Malden Historic District
(4502 Malden Drive)
Malden
Kanawha County
West Virginia

HABS No. WV-210-21

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 4502 Malden Drive, Malden, Kanawha County, West Virginia
(Within the boundaries of the Malden Historic District)

Present Owner: Mrs. Turner Ratrie, Malden, West Virginia 25306

Present Use: Dwelling

Significance: This frame cottage appears to date from the last quarter of the 19th century and is consistent in scale and materials with numerous others in Malden.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This T-shaped clapboarded cottage has turned porch posts of late Victorian style.
2. Condition of fabric: Maintained with moderate care.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: This building is approximately 41'-11" in width and 70'-0" in depth. The one-story structure exhibits a T-shaped plan and rests atop a foundation which, at the rear of the house, is a full story in height above grade level, since the ground drops away sharply from front to rear on the lot.
2. Foundations: Foundations are primarily of concrete blocks molded to resemble quarry-faced stone blocks, used both as piers and as continuous foundation walls. Between piers, metal embossed to resemble the adjacent blocks is used.
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Walls are of wooden frame construction, the clapboarding being painted white. Trim is painted dark green.
4. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.: The only porch is L-shaped and occurs on the front of the house. The shed roof is supported by turned wooden columns.
5. Chimneys: Three internal chimneys occur at the ridge line of the roof, one on each arm of the T-shaped plan.

6. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: The front of this house has two entrances, one at each arm of the "T". A wooden panel door occurs at one, while a more recent flush wooden door with three rectangular lights occurs at the other. A large garage-sized doorway occurs at the basement level on the east end of the rear ell, north facade.
- b. Windows are generally double-hung two-over-two wooden sash units.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: The roof consists of two intersecting gabled roofs covered with green asphalt shingles.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: Roof overhangs occur at all walls and have enclosed soffits.
- C. Site: The building faces west onto Malden Drive at the south end of the residential district.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

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